



**MINUTES**  
**Underhill Conservation Commission**  
**January 8, 2018**  
**Underhill Town Hall**

Present: Betsy Chapek, Amy Golodetz, Laurie Graham, Peter Hiskes, Pat Lamphere, Karen McKnight, Nancy McRae

Absent: Dan Steinbauer Daphne Tanis

1. Welcome and Opening Remarks: Karen welcomed all and reviewed the agenda.
2. Public Comment: No person(s) were present for public comment.
3. Approval Minutes: Approval of 11/13/17 minutes deferred.
4. Association of Vermont Conservation Commissions (AVCC).

Discussion: AVCC operates on membership July 1 – June 30<sup>th</sup> of each year. UCC has not paid 2017 dues to join the AVCC.

Decision: UCC to defer joining until July 1, 2018 when the new membership year begins.

5. UCC Town Report

Discussion: UCC members reviewed Karen's draft of UCC report. Minor edits made to the text.

Decision: Revise report and resend to UCC members for comments. Forward to Town administrator thereafter. **Lauri** to send photos for submission accompanying the written report.

6. Crane Brook Conservation District Plan

Discussion: Amy presented a template to create the Crane Brook Conservation District Management Plan (CBCDMP). The information incorporated into the Crane Brook Forest assessment can be incorporated into the CBCDMP. Additional information is necessary.

Decision: Prepare the plan to meet deadlines: Draft for next UCC meeting on February 12<sup>th</sup>.

Section / Person Responsible:

Property description: – **Amy** from the CBCD forest assessment

Land Use History: **Nancy** to contract Nate and Irene

Current Land Uses: Used for Biking, hiking, horseback riding, walking, XC skiing, hunting, elementary/middle school field trips, town garage, old landfill (capped)

Ownership restrictions: **Karen** to ask Brian re restrictions on town property

Base Maps: **Peter** to contact Ethan Tapper for maps: Topography/ hydrology, hydrology/topography descriptions; Stands map and descriptions of stands

Next Steps:

Request assistance from Ethan on inventory of trees and invasives.

ALL: Draft respective sections of the plan and be prepared to discuss Management Plan / Goals / Recommendations at the next meeting.

#### 7. Plant Sale

Discussion: Should UCC order trees to sell during the plant sale. Consideration given to butternut and disease resistant chestnut trees. May consider pre-orders.

Decision: **Patrick** to research where they can be purchased and suitability for Underhill environment.

#### 8. Green Up Day

Discussion: Yearly collection totals are good, however there is a concern for the need to build sustainability into the efforts. How to build community enthusiasm in the younger generations into the day. Ideas include: Recruit Green UP Day ambassadors in areas within the town; garner interest through schools, boy scouts, girl scouts

#### 9. Town Meeting Day preparations:

Decisions: **Nancy** and **Betsy** will redo the poster and the hand out cards. Betsy to check with Yuri Behune on invasives program? Discuss/ confirm calendar of events for cards

#### 10. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Next Meeting: Monday, February 12, 2018, 6:30 p.m., Underhill Town Hall

Respectfully submitted,

Karen McKnight